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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In claim 1, line 3, change "comprising a nucleic acid" to – comprising the nucleic acid --.

In claim 15, lines 7-8, change "comprising a nucleic acid" to – comprising the nucleic acid --.

In claim 16, line 7, change "comprising a nucleic acid" to – comprising the nucleic acid --.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Tyrrell on June 16, 2008.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on June 16, 2008, Ms. Tyrrell requested an extension of time for ONE MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1619 the required fee of \$120.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

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